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2.14 Other Exceptions Applicable to Search Warrants

E. Exigent Circumstances Doctrine

Insert the following case summary on page 28 before the beginning of subsection (F):

A local ordinance permitting peace officers to require persons under the age
of 21 to submit to a preliminary breath test analysis constitutes an
unreasonable search not justified by any warrant exception. Spencer v City of
Bay City, F Supp , (ED Mich 2003). "Exigent circumstances"
cannot be used to justify a warrantless search when the subject of the search
is suspected only of committing a minor offense, and the primary purpose of
conducting the search is to gather incriminating evidence against the
individual. Spencer, supra at